

SENATE RESOLUTION 80

By Ford J

A RESOLUTION To commend Keri Day for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, During each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, One such estimable citizen is Keri Day, whose exemplary service with Senator John Ford's office and the Senate General Welfare Committee has resulted in innumerable and invaluable benefits to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Keri is a Junior at Tennessee State University, where she is majoring in Political Science and Economics; a stellar student, she has maintained an outstanding 3.9 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of state government, she brought her many abilities and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2001 Session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Keri has proven to be a pioneer in the many positions of leadership that she has held; she was the first African American at Calvary Academy Preparatory School to become President of Student Council Government, the first woman to become Coordinator of the

National Honor Society, and the first African American to be selected as Director of the Model United Nations World Conference Against Racism in New York, which is scheduled to occur in 2002; and

WHEREAS, This talented young lady is a highly respected leader among her peers at TSU and has served as President of her Freshman class, Executive Delegate on the Freshman Delegation Board, President of the Honors Program Council, and President of the International Affairs Society, which she helped to found; she also helped initiate the Sandra Holt Scholarship, which aids disadvantaged students in India, and has been a National Award-winning Oratorical Speaker for the American Forensics Association and Community View Writer for the TSU newspaper, *The Meter*, and

WHEREAS, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," is Miss Day's inspirational motto; and

WHEREAS, A committed humanitarian, Keri has participated in service projects throughout the world in places such as Manila, Cebu, and Dumagetti in the Philippines and Seoul, South Korea; this summer, she will be traveling to India to research illiteracy within Indian families; and

WHEREAS, Keri is the proud daughter of Connie Woods and Wilbur Day and the sister of Audrey Harris, Melody Hall, Sean Day, and Wilbur Day, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, She aspires to a global career in the area of international economic development and international business, and she eventually plans to enter into the political arena as a candidate to serve in Congress as a United States Representative from Illinois; and

WHEREAS, This year, Keri will compete for the famed Rhodes Scholarship, which provides the best and brightest students from around the world with the opportunity to study at Oxford University; she has already declared her membership into the "Rhodes Elite" as completed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Keri Day for her outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to her our best wishes for much success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.